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SENATOR STAHMER: I would call attention that on the back page under Section, in Aramaic numeral no. 3, it says in section 2, subsection 1 and then below that in Aramaic numeral 4, in section 5, etc., in these two--here is where we, I think are getting into the heart of the differences between what the Nebraska Medical Association is proposing and what the Anderson amendments will be and especially that in Aramaic numeral no. 4, and Arabic numeral no. 5 which deals with section 5 and 6, these are the two key issues I think that have to do, that are areas of disagreement. They have basically to do with the first trimester of pregnancy and it is my understanding in talking with the proponents of the Anderson amendment, that in effect, they would wish to leave out references to pregnan--to abortion in the first trimester and the, the Nebraska Medical Association feels that such matters must be included in the bill because to have no mention, in effect, is to have no legislation and if we're to follow this theory throughout the bill, then we wouldn't be here debating any bill. We do have the Supreme Court judgment to live with and it is the feeling of the doctors and their attorneys and incidentally, to reiterate what has been adequately demonstrated in the press, I believe, that the doctors do not favor a liberal abortion bill but they are trying to get a bill that they can legally live with and not be caught up in many lawsuits so the chief thing is in the first trimester, it is found in section 5 and 6 of the bill and the chief, I think, bulwark of the doctors' recommendations are that there be adequate mention of the possibility of termination of pregnancy in that first trimester in light and in accord with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. I think that was general preamble. I'd be willing to try to answer questions if I might.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Anderson, do you have any idea how much time you would need for the explanation of your amendment?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Well, Mr. Ch--Mr. President, this is, I think a determination we need to make at this point. I am prepared to explain my amendments point by point in detail and indicate how the objections or the critique of the Nebraska Medical Association has been dovetailed into these amendments which are--then in turn fitted into the committee amendments. It is going to take probably more than the 5 minutes that we have before 12:00 so, if the body wishes to go beyond 12:00, we can continue with this. If not, then perhaps the wise thing to do would be to recess and start with this at 2:00.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a motion to recess.

PRESIDENT: We have a motion on the desk to recess. Question is, shall we recess until 2:00? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to recess until 2:00. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Thank you. Clerk will record. We're recessed until 2:00 this afternoon.

(End of Belt #6)